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1. WESTERN FIVE MEETING ON NAMIBIA --

WESTERN FIVE HEARD PRELIMINARY VIEWS OF DEPARTMENT CONSULTANT, NATHAN PELCOVITS, ON POSSIBLE VARIETIES OF UN INVOLVEMENT IN NAMIBIA. MISOFFS THEN DREW UP OUTLINE OF PELCOVITS REPORT WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL BY FIVE AT STAFF LEVEL JUNE 1 IN ORDER TO CREATE JOINT WORKING PAPER ON UN INVOLVEMENT IN NAMIBIA, FOR SUBMISSION TO CAPITALS, TO GENERATE FURTHER COMMENTS FROM WESTERN FIVE CAPITALS ON THIS DIFFICULT QUESTION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1725)

2. CHARTER REVIEW --

SOVIET DEPUTY PERM REP FOKINE, AT HIS REQUEST, DISCUSSED CHARTER REVIEW WITH MISOFFS. HE ASKED WHETHER THE US STILL AGREED WITH SOVIETS ON BASIC ISSUES REGARDING CHARTER REVIEW, AND SAID THE SOVIETS WERE DISTURBED OVER VOTING AT RECENT CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE SESSION AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MIGHT HAVE TO RECONSIDER THEIR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMITTEE. MISOFFS SAW NO BASIS FOR RECONSIDERING PARTICIPATION IF MANDATE REMAINED SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT; NOTED NONE OF FOUR NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE IN ORDER TO BAR AMENDMENTS, SINCE OUR "VETO" COULD, ULTIMATELY, DO THAT; AND ADDED THAT OUR PARTICIPATION WAS IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO AVOID KIND OF SHOWDOWN WHICH WOULD LEAD TO JUST THE WEAKENING OF THE CHARTER REGIME THE SOVIETS CLAIMED TO BE SEEKING TO AVOID. MISOFFS STATED WE BELIEVED SOVIET TACTICS AT 1977 COMMITTEE SESSION HAD BEEN OVERLY RIGID AND CAUTIONED SOVIETS THEY SHOULD NOT TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT OUR CONTINUING DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM IN CHARTER REVIEW CONTEXT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CAUSE US TO GO ALL THE WAY WITH COUNTERPRODUCTIVE HARD-LINE TACTICS. FOKINE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PERHAPS SOVIET TACTICS HAD BEEN TOO RIGID AND NEEDED RETHINKING. IT WAS AGREED THAT IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF CHARTER REVIEW WE WOULD RETURN TO QUADRIPARTITE FORMAT. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1719)

3. HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES IN ECOSOC --

THE ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE FEW PROPOSALS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WHICH WERE TABLED DURING THE RECENT ECOSOC SESSION SHOW THAT RESISTANCE TO NEW PROCEDURES HAS INCREASED. THE EXPECTED OPPONENTS OF NEW MACHINERY, THE EASTERN EUROPEANS PLUS CUBA, FOUND COMPANY WITH THE LATIN STATES, PARTICULARLY BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, WHO HAVE DEVELOPED INCREASED SENSITIVITY TO NEW PROCEDURES WHICH THEY ASSUME WILL BE USED TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THEM. THE EXISTING 1503 PROCEDURE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CONTAINS RECOGNIZED FLAWS AND NEEDS TO BE REVISED, BUT EVEN SOME WESTERN STATES, NOTABLY FRANCE, WERE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SETTING UP A NEW CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURE FOR EXAMINING COMMUNICATIONS. THUS FAR, THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON WHAT PARTICULAR IMPROVEMENTS OUGHT

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TO BE MADE AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.
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4. PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP --

THE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSED CURRENT STATUS OF ITS DUAL RESPONSIBILITIES -- PRACTICAL MEASURES AND GUIDELINES -- AND SCHEDULING MATTERS MAY 31, AND AGREED TO MEET AGAIN JUNE 8 TO REVIEW DRAFT INTERIM REPORT. ALTHOUGH RAPPORTEUR ALFARAGI (EGYPT) PREFERRED NO INTERIM REPORT BECAUSE SO MUCH WORK STILL NEEDED TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO FULFILL WG'S MANDATE, THE WG DECIDED THAT AN INTERIM REPORT SHOULD BE BRIEF, FACTUAL AND NON-JUDGMENTAL AS TO RESULTS OF THE WG EFFORTS TO DATE. IT WOULD CONTAIN AS ANNEXES THE PAPER ON PRACTICAL MEASURES AND DRAFT GUIDELINES 5-13, AND STATE IN SOME MANNER THAT THE ANNEXES REPRESENT A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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5. COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION --

THE COMMITTEE SPENT TWO AFTERNOONS CONSIDERING
JIU INSPECTOR SOHM'S REPORT AND ON EVALUATION IN GENERAL.
DISCUSSION WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE ON SOHM REPORT AND
STRONGLY CRITICAL OF EVALUATION ATTEMPTS MADE SO FAR BY
SECRETARIAT. DURING ATTEMPT TO EVALUATE OPI PROGRAM,
JIU'S BERTRAND CHARACTERIZED OPI DISCUSSION AS BEING COM-
PLICATED BY POOR DOCUMENTATION FROM SECRETARIAT, AND HE
SUGGESTED THAT JIU MIGHT REVIEW DOCUMENTATION FOR ONE OF

THE PROGRAMS TO BE REVIEWED NEXT YEAR BY CPC. BELGIUM COUNTER-PROPOSED THAT JIU REVIEW DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL FOUR PROGRAMS. USSR SUPPORTED BELGIAN SUGGESTION WHILE KNOCKING SOHM REPORT. THE COMMITTEE APPEARED TO BE IN AGGREEMENT THAT JIU SHOULD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION IN 1978 FOR ALL FOUR PROGRAMS. (USUN 1715)

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CPC MEMBERS SEEM TO SEE VALID ROLE FOR CPC IN TERMS OF EVALUATING PROGRAMS AND POSSIBLY MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO ECOSOC AND GA ABOUT DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES MOST EFFECTIVELY. ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS ROLE, HOWEVER, IS CONTINGENT UPON FULL COOPERATION OF SECRETARIAT WHICH, IN REVIEW OF OPI, HAS BEEN MARKEDLY RESISTANT. BASED ON CPC'S EXPERIENCE IN REVIEW OF ONLY ONE PROGRAM (OPI), MANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT BUDGET-TYPE REVIEW IS NOT PROPER FUNCTION OF CPC, ALTHOUGH PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES CANNOT BE CONSIDERED MEANINGFULLY WITHOUT SOME AWARENESS OF RESOURCES REQUIRED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1714)

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6. COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL --

GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED IN THE COMMITTEE WITH STATEMENTS MAY 26 BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GDR, UK ON BEHALF EEC, JAPAN, USSR, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, MEXICO AND IMF, AND ON MAY 27 BY VENEZUELA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRAN, HUNGARY, COLOMBIA, FRANCE AND EEC OBSERVER.

THE IMF REPRESENTATIVE STRESSED THE NEED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DEBTS AFFECTING THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AS WELL AS INCREASED FINANCING FOR THE FUND HE NOTED OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES HAD BECOME THE MAIN SOURCE OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCING FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SAID THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO REVISE THEIR ATTITUDES ON WHAT A MANAGEABLE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS DEFICIT WAS TO BE. UK, ON BEHALF EEC, STRESSED THE NEED TO IDENTIFY ALL CAUSES FOR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND REFERRED TO EEC ASSISTANCE. SIMILAR STATEMENT WAS MADE BY EEC REPRESENTATIVE MAES. JAPAN THOUGHT A PARTIAL EXPLANATION WAS TO BE FOUND IN THE RELATIVELY POOR PERFORMANCE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AS WELL AS POPULATION GROWTH, AND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE 1970'S WAS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE TIME

WHEN THE DEVELOPMENT DECADE WAS PLANNED. BELGIUM SAID PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND COLOMBIA FELT THAT LACK OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS WAS PERHAPS THE GREATEST DISAPPOINTMENT. COLOMBIA ALSO REFERRED TO DISCOURAGEMENT OVER LACK OF PROGRESS IN CIEC AND GATT AND CALLED FOR EQUITABLE TRADE RELATIONS.

USSR CLAIMED THAT SALIENT FEATURES OF THE CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION WERE THE "FEVERISH ARMS RACE" AND THE MONETARY CRISES IN THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES; SUCH CRISES WERE NATURAL TO CAPITALIST ECONOMIES, AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHIN THE CAPITALIST CAMP WERE DOOMED TO SUF-
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FER FROM THEM; AND FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NEGATIVE SITUATION IN REGARD TO THE SECOND UN DEVELOPMENT DECADE LAY WITH THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES AND MONOPLIES. THE SO-CALLED AID GRANTED BY CAPITALIST STATES KEPT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ENSLAVED, AND IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE SOVIET UNION, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD BE TOTAL SLAVES OF THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOOK A SIMILAR LINE. HUNGARY EXTOLLED THE BENEFITS OF SOCIALISM, AND ALL EE SPEAKERS DENIED ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DISADVANTAGEOUS ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

MEXICO ASSERTED THERE WAS STILL A LACK OF POLITICAL WILL TO CARRY OUT REFORMS, AND IT WAS TIME TO PUT INTO PRACTICE THE NEW STRATEGY CONTAINED IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. VENEZUELA WAS CRITICAL OF THE SYG'S REPORT ASSESSING PROGRESS MADE DURING THE CURRENT DECADE, INCLUDING THE FACT THE REPORT SEEMED TO ASSIGN EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF OPEC AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IRAN THOUGHT IT UNFAIR TO SEPARATE OIL-EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND NON-OPEC COUNTRIES; WELCOMED PRESIDENT CARTER'S SUGGESTION THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, CAPITALIST AND SOCIALIST, JOIN WITH OPEC MEMBERS IN PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT; AND SAID THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE A COLLECTIVE ONE. FRANCE NOTED CONFUSION WAS CREATED BY AGGREGATING DATA FROM ALL THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, AND SUGGESTED THAT ECONOMIC MECHANISMS ON WHICH THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WAS BASED NEEDED TO BE CHANGED AND ADAPTED TO THE NEWER IDEAS IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

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